

They Will Not Silence the People's Champion for Peace

An Editorial

ON THE very day that the people were stunned by the President's destroyer deal for war, the Administration tried to silence the untiring voice of Earl Browder, the nation's outstanding fighter for peace. This fact alone is enough to show that Judge Knox's unprecedented court order barring Browder's campaign tour is not just aimed at the Communist Party. It is intended to muzzle all free expression. Above all, it is to intimidate and browbeat the labor movement which is the core of the peoples' fight to keep this country out of the imperialist slaughter.

The war-mongers might prevent Browder from leaving the state, but they cannot prevent his peace message from reaching the American people. Already two million copies of the speech he was to deliver in California, are in print and will be distributed in all sections of the country.

IT WAS Judge Knox who handed down this fascist decree. But it was the hand of the Roosevelt Administration which directed the move. With callous disregard for all democratic liberties, the Administration is sweeping on relentlessly to clamp the nation under a military dictatorship.

In the words of Browder:

"If Congress can be set aside so completely by the new military dictatorship now apparently in power, on issues involving the fate of the nation most immediately, we must not be surprised when individuals and minority parties are deprived of all rights by administrative edict."

The economic royalists of Wall Street are driving America deeper and deeper into war and both major parties are in total agreement upon ramming this war program down the throats of the American people. Roosevelt and Willkie are in complete unison—"national unity"—on every major issue which threatens the peace and security of the country.

The ruling against Browder is because he is against the fascist conscription bill; because he has warned the people from the outset that the "defense" program is a cover for imperialist aggression; because he is against the slave program which is already demanding sacrifices in sweat and blood from the workers.

Wall Street and its major parties want to "get" Browder because he fights for peace, jobs, civil liberties—for all of the fundamental rights which the American people hold so dear today. The people have absolutely no choice between these two Wall Street machines. The pretense of Roosevelt and Willkie that there are fundamental "differences" in policy between them is one of the biggest frauds ever attempted upon the American electorate.

When the democratic rights of Earl Browder and the Communists are illegally invaded, the reactionaries are establishing a precedent for depriving other people of their rights. Not even the most conservative person—nor even a Republican or a Democrat—can dare express his free opinion if this Hitler ruling is allowed to stand.

THE Administration by its own hand has now destroyed the last illusion that its original "passport" conviction of Browder was for legal reasons. Judge Knox's ruling should convince all workers, honest liberals, and conservatives—people who in the past have hesitated to speak out—that the only way they can save their own liberties is by demanding full election campaign rights for Browder. Protests should pour into Attorney General Jackson's office demanding an immediate rescinding of Judge Knox's ruling.

THE Hitler character of this decree is apparent in its ridiculous sham. Judge Knox had the audacity to refer to Browder's campaign as "subversive." Just where does he get off with this? The very day that Browder, the people's champion, was denied his democratic rights, real subversives and fifth columnists, the five "Christian" Front terrorists, were turned loose on bail by another postponement in a Brooklyn Federal Court. It's all right for the "Christian" Front terrorists to roam the streets of New York with anti-Semitic violence which nullifies the Bill of Rights. It's all right for President Roosevelt to change the Constitution and lead the country into war without even consulting Congress, to say nothing of the people.

Judge Knox's ruling was an attack on the right of bail, in which he himself "changed" the Constitution to mean full bail rights only for those who agree with the Administration's war program. The only legal question to be considered on bail is whether the person can be produced in court, but Judge Knox has added a new twist that the accused must not advocate "change" in the government. What American could not be thus denied his constitutional rights for advocating the mildest social reforms in government?

This is done at the behest and approval of Attorney General Jackson who knows so well how to provide opinions to "legalize" President Roosevelt's steps toward war. Plainly Jackson's office has become a rubber stamp for the Administration on how to violate the Constitution and assume dictatorial power.

BUT the American people will not take this Hitler ruling lying down. They will resist it with all their united pressure, to protect their own elementary freedom.

As for the Communist Party, this blow will meet with redoubled resistance. The Communist Party will never be a silent spectator, to a foul scheme to deprive the American people of the right to choose their own candidates and to have free elections. In the battle against this military dictatorship, the Communist Party will grow stronger, and more powerful in its fight for the peace and security of the people.

IT WILL GO FORWARD IN THIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH RENEWED ENERGY, SPREADING BROWDER'S MESSAGE OF PEACE TO EVER WIDER SECTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT WILL STRUGGLE WITH GREATER INSPIRATION TO ACHIEVE AND PROTECT ITS LEGAL BALLOT RIGHTS IN EVERY STATE. ITS ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND WILL BE PUT OVER THE TOP WITH FLYING COLORS, AS A FUND FOR PEACE AND AGAINST THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN WASHINGTON. IT WILL AROUSE THE PEOPLE TO COMPEL A CHANGE IN THIS FASCIST RULING.

The best answer to this piece of Hitlerism is not only to storm Attorney General Jackson's office with protests. It is to prepare now for a record-breaking vote for Earl Browder and James W. Ford in November.

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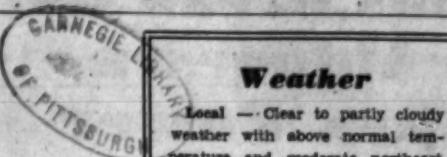
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HOUSE PASSES TRICK AMENDMENT TO DRAFT BILL TO STIFLE PROTEST

Churchill Elated at Destroyer Deal

Warns of Invasion—London Beats Off Two Air Raids

LONDON, Sept. 5 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today declared Adolf Hitler's threat "utterly to erase" British cities and asserted, as Nazi raiders painted a huge swastika in smoke over London, that Germany's plane losses in the battle of Britain are triple those of the Royal Air Force.

Churchill's speech before the House of Commons was delayed when German air raiders swept over London. Shrieking air raid sirens sent members scurrying to basement shelters while Parliament's session was suspended.

The British people, despite threats such as those which Hitler thundered Wednesday night, are confident of their ability to beat Germany in any struggle of endurance and morale, Churchill said.

He warned his hearers that Germany's aerial siege of the British Isles will be "magnified and multiplied" in a great Nazi bid for victory during this month, but said that Hitler's empire of conquest will "pass away perhaps more swiftly than did Napoleon's."

WARN'S OF INVASION

Churchill gravely cautioned the 45,000,000 people of Britain that September 15 will not remove the threat of a German invasion although storms, fog and earlier darkness "may alter conditions."

"Some changes cut both ways," he said, "and there must not for one moment be any relaxation of our effort or wise precaution."

"I do not agree with those who assume that, after September 15 or whatever is Hitler's latest date, we shall be free from the menace of a deadly attack from overseas."

"If there is to be, as suggested in his (Hitler's) recent oration, a contest of nerves, will-power and endurance, in which the whole British and German people are engaged, be it short or be it long, we shall not shrink from it."

The Prime Minister made these points:

1. The 50 American destroyers received in a trade for air and naval bases on British possessions in the Western Atlantic ocean are being put into action immediately and Hitler "no doubt will pay the United States out if he gets a chance."

2. Neither Britain nor Germany has yet thrown the full force of its air strength into the battle of Britain, the Nazis have been forced to use far more air power than Britain, and "if the attacks are doubled or trebled we shall emerge at the exit stronger than we were before."

REPORTS ON CASUALTIES

3. The air attacks on Britain so far have been "much less intense" than the British had anticipated and during August killed 1,075 civilians. The Ministry of Home Security

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\$36,000,000 Daily—Cost of Britain's War

(By United Press)

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Great Britain, it was estimated today, hurled close to \$100,000,000 worth of fighting power into the air every 24 hours of mass air fighting—but most of it, except for the bombs, lands again intact.

The nation's daily war bill is estimated at about \$36,000,000, not counting damage done by the German raiders.

Browder's Message Will Be Heard Through Nation Despite Un-American Gag, Foster Declares

The un-American maneuver by the Roosevelt Administration to keep the voice of Earl Browder, Communist Presidential candidate, from reaching the people will not succeed, William Z. Foster, chairman of the National Election Campaign Committee declared yesterday:

Foster's statement reads:

The arbitrary, anti-American court order, depriving a political party's presidential candidate from presenting his message to the citizenry of the country will not succeed. In the few hours, since the court order, hundreds of telegrams, telephone calls and letters have reached us

protesting this action. Earl Browder's message against Wall Street's attempt to draw us into this war will reach the people.

His opening address to have been delivered this Sunday in Los Angeles, in an auditorium seating about 10,000 people, will be received NOW in printed form by millions of our citizens. Our standard bearer's message will not be prevented from reaching the people. For every attempt to suppress the Bill of Rights through the silencing of Earl Browder, we pledge ourselves to carry his speeches by printed word and radio into every home, factory and office of the land. Our message for peace, civil liberties, jobs, security and socialism will not be silenced—the American people will see to that.

Election Rights Group Scores Browder Ban

Liberal Committee Wires Jackson, Knox, Asks Gag Be Lifted

The Committee on Election Rights—1940, a part of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, sent telegram yesterday to Attorney General Jackson and Federal Judge John Knox protesting Judge Knox's refusal to permit Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, to leave the jurisdiction of the court for purposes of his campaign.

In announcing the protest, Chairman Dashiell Hammett said the Committee was not concerned with the merits or demerits of the cause advocated by Browder, but that the action of the court in basing its decision upon the fact that the Communist Party advocates changes in the form of government constitute a threat to the continuance of American democracy, and one which might be directed at any party with a progressive platform.

The telegram to Judge Knox pointed out that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other American heroes had advocated change in the form of government and declared: "Suppression of the right of any minority to advocate a change inevitably would result in the loss of suffrage for all."

The protest to the Attorney-General laid particular blame upon his department for refusing to consent to permit Browder to leave the jurisdiction and called upon him to "undo your harmful act."

The telegram to Judge Knox follows:

The undersigned Committee, which is part of the National Fed-

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Truck Drivers, Employers In Deadlock

Representatives of Local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters were deadlocked late last night in a conference with the Merchant Truckmen's Association and Mayor LaGuardia at the administration building, LaGuardia field.

The negotiators meet this morning again at World Fair City Hall.

The union membership has voted to strike last Tuesday unless their demands were met by the employers but a plea from Mayor LaGuardia to a membership meeting last Sunday delayed action for a week.

Naval Base Delegation Arrives at Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Sept. 5 (UPI).—The U. S. Cruiser St. Louis arrived today with a delegation of army and navy experts, come to survey the site for a U. S. air base on this British island.

Here, Britain was starting a series of conferences in which she will give the U. S. 99-year leases on air and naval bases in the Western Hemisphere, in exchange for 50 destroyers.

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STRIKING PAINTERS: of Locals 805 and 281, International Brotherhood of Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators are shown at Grand Concourse and 180th St. More than 10,000 strikers participated in the demonstration. Strike is in its second week.

Destroyer Deal Victory For U.S. Interventionists, Red Army Paper Says

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Sept. 5.—Conclusion of the 50-destroyer deal with Britain marks a major victory for American supporters of intervention in the European war, Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star), organ of the Red Army, declared in an editorial today.

"Conclusion of the Anglo-American agreement," the Red Army journal wrote, "means that in the sharp struggle taking place in ruling circles of the United States between isolationists and supporters of intervention in Europe the latter have won a major victory."

"Military events have developed much sooner than was expected. That is why the United States already at the beginning of the second year of the European war has experienced 'the Spring of 1917' in the opinion of many observers."

The United States in preparing to participate in a redivision of the map reckoned that the war would last at least a few years, during which period the enemy's forces would become sufficiently exhausted.

"However, when England remained alone to face the combined forces of Germany and Italy, the situation fundamentally changed. It was not for nothing that Roosevelt declared that the Anglo-American agreement was concluded in the

opinion of many observers."

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to the British consul general.

Ambulances carried seven of the men to hospitals.

Immediate Registration, Draft Within 60 Days

To Call for 400,000 Volunteers, Then Conscription

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The House today attempted to dodge the conscription issue and sidetrack the powerful mass opposition of the American people to the fascist Burke-Wadsworth Bill.

This was seen as the real significance of the action of the House in approving by a vote of 185 to 155 the Fish Amendment to postpone actual drafting of men until after the November elections.

Machinery for conscription is to be set up immediately according to the Fish Amendment, and registration under the provisions of the Burke-Wadsworth Bill would proceed as planned by the brass hats in the War Department.

The amendment provides that the President is to issue a call for not more than 400,000 volunteers immediately after passage of the bill.

If the quota set by the President is filled within 60 days, there is to be no conscription as a result of the first call. On the other hand, if the quota is not filled the President is empowered to conscript enough men to meet the figure in his call.

Following the first call, the President is given authority in the amendment to issue a second call for another 400,000 men and again he is permitted to raise the number necessary to fill the quota by conscription.

CALLED SUGAR-COATING

While some of the leading advocates of the Burke Bill voted against the Fish Amendment, they told the House frankly that it did not represent a fundamental departure from the conscription measure.

"It merely sugar-coats the proposition a little for the benefit of some of the people back home who are against this bill," declared Rep. Walter G. Andrews, R. of New York and ranking Minority member of the Military Affairs Committee who is one of the leaders in the fight to put the bill over.

Rep. Hamilton Fish, R. of New York, sponsor of the amendment, said that it was intended to restore "national unity" and allay the protests of the people against the bill.

"If this amendment is passed," Fish said, "the resentment that exists in the hearts of many people will die out because they will

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The Duet of Mr. Churchill and Roosevelt--But the 'Army-Navy Journal' Knows Better

Laughter rang through the British House of Commons yesterday when Mr. Winston Churchill winked an eye and told of the 50-destroyer deal he had made with Mr. Roosevelt. So reports the press.

But even louder must have been the laughter when Mr. Churchill solemnly told the world that this ship trade, in which the U. S. Navy contributes war vessels to the British Navy in the midst of a war, does not "in the slightest affect the non-belligerency of the United States."

Churchill here is talking to the American people. He wants to reassure them that the innocent British imperialists don't want to trap the U. S. into the war, and that the innocent Mr. Roosevelt in the White House also has no such intentions.

But the deceit is too transparent. It certainly doesn't fool the wise gentlemen of the

Army and Navy Journal, the organ of the Generals and the Admirals.

This magazine says right out:

"Only the blind can fail to see that the United States is moving rapidly toward participation in the

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First Destroyers, Now Tanks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (UPI).—The Army was revealed today to be "favorably considering" turning over several hundred old tanks to Canada for training purposes.

Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, made the disclosure shortly after Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York, co-chairman of the joint Canadian-United States defense board, hinted that cooperation between the two countries may include extensive shipments of military supplies to Canada.

Riots Break Out As Antonescu Takes Power

King Carol Turns Over Power to Rumanian Iron Guard Leader 3 Days After He Is Released From Prison; Fighting in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Sept. 5 (UP).—Army tanks sped into the streets and machine-guns fire raged throughout the center of Bucharest tonight, when troops were called out to suppress anti-Nazis rioting against General Ion Antonescu, new dictator of Rumania.

Tanks, guns and fire hoses were used to suppress the evening-long fighting between supporters of King Carol II and Gen. Antonescu, and opponents of the new pro-Nazi Premier.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Sept. 5 (UP).—Shots were fired during rioting in the streets tonight a few hours after General Ion Antonescu took over most of King Carol's powers as a dictator.

What sounded like light artillery fire broke out about 300 yards from King Carol's heavily-guarded royal palace.

Antonescu, an Iron-Guard sympathizer released from prison three days ago, became Premier and dictator of the crisis-torn nation and immediately upheld the Italo-German award ceding half of Transylvania to neighboring Hungary.

As rioting broke out between sympathizers of Carol and Antonescu and those opposing the Antonescu surrender, police and military cars bristling with machine guns raced through the streets.

MANY WOUNDED

Spectators on balconies in the heart of Bucharest were wounded when police fired into the air, police headquarters said a few minutes before midnight. Machine guns were firing at many places. None of the rioters was shot, police said, although there were broken arms and legs and bruises.

The guns were set up at a number of places in the central city and immediately began firing.

Ambulances clanged towards the National Theater on the main Calea Victoriei where rioting was severe. It was impossible to learn whether casualties there resulted from shooting or from fights between pro-Nazi student demonstrators and anti-Nazi elements.

FIGHTING INCREASES

As the night advanced firing came from every direction, some of it within a radius of 100 yards, and machine guns raged for 40 to 60 seconds at a time but it could not be established whether they were firing into the crowds.

The demonstrations broke out at 9 P.M., subsided a half hour later, and then broke out again at 9:55 P.M. with thousands of persons demonstrating in front of the right wing of King Carol's palace and singing Iron Guard songs.

The first demonstration and rioting in front of the National Theater was suppressed when police drenched the crowds with fire hoses. Opposition elements mingled among the students cheering Carol and Antonescu and boozing and hissing.

DISSOLVES' PARLIAMENT

Antonescu took the oath as Premier after he and King Carol had issued a joint decree suspending the constitution, dissolving parliament, limiting the King's powers and conferring all other authority on Antonescu.

Antonescu, who is friendly with Iron Guard leaders, asserted that "from the bottom to the top I will punish guilty persons in the Department of Interior responsible for unjustly punishing Iron Guards."



Pay Homage to Senator Lundein: Photo shows the rotunda of the Minnesota State Capitol during the funeral services in St. Paul for Senator Ernest Lundein. The Farmer-Laborite and 24 other persons were killed in a Virginia plane crash.

Irish Rally Tonight to Protest Draft

An anti-conscription rally under auspices of the New York District of Clan-Na-Gael and I. R. A. Clubs will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave.

Speakers will include Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union of America, C. I. O.; Brian Feeney, manager of Compressed Air Workers (Sandhogs) Union, A. F. of L.; and Liam Kripps,

Sean Hayes of the Clan-Na-Gael & I. R. A. Clubs Board of Officers, will preside. More than 4,000 are expected to attend.

German Speed Boats Sink 5 British Ships

Berlin Claims New Air, Sea Victories, Destroy 20 Planes

BERLIN, Sept. 5 (UP).—German victories on sea and in the air were claimed by the German High Command today a few hours after Adolf Hitler's threat to erase British cities unless the Royal Air Force halts night bombing attacks on Germany.

Official quarters said that German planes made devastating raids on British airfields this morning, destroying 20 British aircraft with a loss of only five German planes.

A special High Command communiqué said that German speed boats last night torpedoed and sank five fully loaded British ships, including a 12,000-ton tanker. Another steamer was damaged, it was claimed.

The Propaganda Ministry took newspaper on a tour of Berlin in an effort to demonstrate that British raiders bombing Berlin again last night inflicted only slight damage.

A High Command communiqué admitted that two sections of Berlin had been bombed by the British and that 18 civilians had been killed in a north German city.

Nazis Say U.S. Destroyer Deal Is Un-Neutral

Hamburg Paper Says Act 'Casts Grave Doubts' On Neutrality

BERLIN, Sept. 5 (UP).—The Nazi press charged today that the United States, by trading 50 destroyers to Great Britain, had cast grave doubt on American neutrality and violated a principle for which America set the precedent.

"The sale of destroyers—that is, warships, can hardly be described as falling within the bounds of the laws of neutrality," the Frankfurter Zeitung said.

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt hinted that the Anglo-American deal was an infringement on U.S. neutrality. Editorialy the newspaper compared the agreement to the "Alabama" incident in the U.S. civil war, when Britain sold a privateer to the Confederacy.

"The Alabama incident must be for us in the trust sense the yardstick for judging similar events in the past few days, and furthermore not only the incident itself as such but the fact that an international practice arose from American anger at the non-neutrality of the sale of warships by a power which was standing outside the war," the paper said.

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Police Attack 250 On Local 3 Picket Line

15 Injured at Electrical Workers' Strike; Four Unionists Arrested

Fifteen were injured yesterday when police and strikebreakers attacked a picket line in front of the Triangle Conduit & Cable Co. plant at Dry Harbor Rd. and Cooper Ave., Glendale, Queens.

A strike is being conducted at the firm by Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, which is demanding a wage raise to 80 cents an hour and a 35-hour week for the workers at the plant.

The battle began when scabs attempted to storm through a mass picket line of about 250 called by Local 3 before the plant gates. Police rushed to the scene almost immediately and joined in the assault on the unionists. Twenty radio cars and two emergency truck arrived as police poured into the vicinity.

The fight began at 6:30 A. M. when company guards rushed the picket line, wielding clubs against the strikers. As the pickets fought back the police rushed into the melee swinging their nightsticks.

Four men, two of them strikebreakers who gave the plant as their addresses, were sent to the hospital as a result of the assault. Among the injured were David Lazarus, 42, of 559 Ashford St., Brooklyn, who suffered a groin injury and Edward Wallace, 38, who has a fractured skull. An unidentified man also received abdominal injuries.

STRIKERS ARRESTED

Lazarus and three other strikers were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. They were arraigned in Rockaway Beach Magistrate's Court.

The other three arrested were Thomas Soran, 21, of 60-14 Mt. Olivet Ave., and Laurence Ernst, 36, of 66-64 Pleasant View St., both Middle Village, Queens and Fred Loehner, 43, of 89-71 216th St., Queens Village.

The strike was called by the union Aug. 1 after the company had repeatedly refused to negotiate for a new contract. The old contract with the union expired July 31. Three weeks ago 10 strikers were arrested after a similar attack by company-hired strikebreakers.

Soran was charged by the police with attempting to deprive a policeman of his nightstick. Soran and with using "vile and indecent" language and Loehner with trying to push a policeman from an automobile. There was no specification of the charge against Ernst.

Boston Garment Union Confers on New Contract

BOSTON, Sept. 5 (UPI)—Representatives of a dozen manufacturers and AFL's Waterproof Garment Workers Union conferred today with Chairman Charles H. Cole of the State Arbitration Board in an attempt to settle a strike of 1,200 garment workers.

The union said the strike, voted at a mass meeting of workers, was called to enforce demands for higher wages in a new contract to "meet increased cost of living and better working conditions in the factories." The previous contract expired Sunday.

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Browder Urges Greater Speed in Fund Raising To Combat Increased Pace of Drive Toward War

The fund drive must be geared up to a faster tempo to meet and more effectively combat the swift pace of the warmakers' drive to involve this nation in the war, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, declared yesterday. Browder's statement in full read:

The financial campaign of the Communist Party and the Daily Worker has been underway for over ten weeks. In that time, most state organizations have raised approximately 50 per cent of their quotas.

This would, according to the laws of arithmetic, leave us the perspective of completing the campaign in another ten weeks. But this would be politically unrealistic and fraught with danger.

The rapidity of the war moves in Washington and the drive to destroy free elections in the United States calls for corresponding zeal in completing a campaign which vitally determines the volume and intensity of the counter-attack.

As the New York State Committee of our Party so aptly put it: "It would be foolhardy indeed, in the face of gathering storms, to place the struggles of the Party on a pay-as-you-go basis."

Wiseman Reports Tonight on Workers Alliance Convention

Sam Wiseman, member of the national executive board of the Workers Alliance will report on the fifth annual convention of the organization, held recently in Chicago, at a meeting in Manhattan Industrial High School tonight.

A delegate to the Emergency Peace Mobilization Wiseman will also report on those sessions.

Judge Extends Injunction on ALP Parley

Rose-Dubinsky Clique Halted in Move for FDR Nomination

Morris Watson, Chairman of the ALP Progressive Committee, and Eugene P. Connolly, director of organization, announced today that the plan of the Alex Rose-David Dubinsky faction to hold the State Committee meeting in Ulica this Saturday for the purpose of renominating President Roosevelt, received a severe setback by a ruling of Supreme Court Justice D. Page Morehouse in Oswego.

Justice Morehouse continued a temporary injunction against the holding of the State Committee which was issued in Rome last week. The old contract with the union expired July 31. Three weeks ago 10 strikers were arrested after a similar attack by company-hired strikebreakers.

Rose was charged by the police with attempting to deprive a policeman of his nightstick. Rose and with using "vile and indecent" language and Loehner with trying to push a policeman from an automobile. There was no specification of the charge against Ernst.

The attempt by the Rose-Dubinsky group to steal the ALP nomination for Roosevelt by typical high-handed methods was met with a well-deserved rebuke today when Justice Morehouse continued the injunction against holding the ALP State Committee meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7," said Watson and Connolly.

The general death rate for New York City for the week ending last Saturday, August 31, was 8.6 per thousand of the population, a jump of one half point from the rate of the preceding week, according to a statement issued by the Department of Health yesterday.

"The fact that this rate was in excess of the expected value for the week by an amount beyond the limits of chance variation," says the report, "suggests that the stormy weather may have been a factor in this increased mortality. This suggestion is further supported by increases in pneumonia prevalence and in mortality charged to this disease."

The main causes for the increase in the death rate were due to a jump in infant mortality, whooping coughs, tuberculosis, pneumonia and automobile accidents.

The Master Painters Association, said Weinstein in a statement after the Building Trades Council had issued its warning,

"It is desperately attempting to use every means to win this strike and attempting to threaten the union by inspiring scabs.

"We have been informed that the Association has claimed to have sufficient funds to finance such a scheme.

"Today's wonderful demonstrations in Manhattan and the Bronx, in which 10,000 painters participated, showed the loyalty of our union painters and their determination to fight to the last ditch for our rights."

The demonstrations were our union's answer to such despicable tactics on the part of the Master Painters' Association."

NINE RALLIES

The demonstrations Weinstein referred to were held at nine different points in Manhattan and the Bronx yesterday noon. The strikers marched from their headquarters past many of the struck jobs.

The most dramatic demonstration was on Grand Concourse when Locals 261 and 905, marching in different directions on Grand Concourse, met at 167th St. and joined the strike.

There were about 3,500 strikers in the line of march when the locals joined. Many of them were accompanied by their wives.

Denouncing the growing attacks against the people's civil rights, John P. Davis, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress, was cheered when he said "I am going to distribute leaflets to tomorrow and exercise every other constitutional right. The American people refuse to swap their birthright and their liberty for war."

Donald Henderson, CIO agricultural leader, made an eloquent attack against the latest warlike moves of the administration. "The sending of 50 destroyers," he said, "is not an empty gesture but an act of war." The action of a courageous seaman in denouncing the conscription bill from the House Gallery, he said, will make history.

He called upon the entire audience to come before the capitol Thursday morning for a great demonstration for peace.

"We must break through the barrage of newspaper lies and get our message across to the 95 per cent of the American people who are for peace," he said.

Among the States whose delegates reported that concentrated lobbying against the "Summer Soldiers," Mr. Stewart compared these eighteenth century traitors to the "Liberals" who are today deserting the people's cause. He denounced the action of Washington police who arrested several EPM delegates Wednesday for distributing announcements of the meeting, pointing out that the Supreme Court recently ruled that the streets have from time immemorial been the property of the people."

JOSEPHINE COLLINS of Michigan reported that concentrated lobbying by her delegation will mean that a majority of Michigan's 17 Congressmen will definitely vote against conscription. Calvin Sutherland, of Connecticut's Labor's Non Partisan League, discussed his interview with chairman May who may question his "Americanism" because he is a "traveling troubador" led the Assembly in a number of militant working class songs.

Concluding his appeal for the

The only politically realistic objective therefore, is the substantial completion of the fund drive by the end of September. That this is also a practical objective has been demonstrated by Maryland which has already fulfilled its quota.

If we are to accomplish this task throughout the country—and we must if we are to be financially prepared for the struggles immediately ahead—the people outside our Party must be encouraged to take a larger hand in the fund drive. They must be asked not only to concern themselves with our message, but to help finance it.

Take them behind the scenes of our struggles, into the workshops of our campaigns. Let them see how we spend many anxious hours raising nickels and dimes that go into the organization of an anti-war rally. Give them an insight into the sacrifice that goes into the financing of the Daily Worker.

The people will thank you for this. They will rally generously around the only party that fights with them against military and economic enslavement. They will value their stake in our work all the more keenly when they have contributed to it financially.

CIO Office Union Denounces Old Parties at Parley

Merrill Announces Union's Support for Lewis Stand in Elections; Delegates Complete Fifth Day of Convention

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Charging the administration and both Democratic and Republican parties and their presidential nominees with "failure to properly consider the serious economic and legislative problems confronting millions of white collar workers," President Lewis Merrill of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, reported "unsatisfactory correspondence" with President Roosevelt and Wendell L. Willkie on this subject to convention delegates today at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago.

Mr. Merrill announced the endorsement of the union's General Executive Board for the policy of the CIO and John L. Lewis in the national elections.

Delegates meeting for the fifth day in a week long convention, voted to instruct the Resolutions Committee to prepare a resolution stating the UOPWA's official endorsement of president Merrill's report for general circulation to all leading legislators throughout the country, and applauded his announcement of his candidacy for Congress in a Brooklyn, N. Y., district.

"Our organization has a grave responsibility to white collar workers whom we seek to organize," President Merrill said. "We have not received the kind of guarantees from the Republican and Democratic parties that we consider necessary. We consider that it is a grave injustice to the people of the United States that the two major political parties have failed to bring forward an adequate program."

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Hotel Workers In Toronto Stage Strike

66 Hotels, Struck on Labor Day, Agree to Wage Increase

TORONTO, Sept. 5 (UPI)—This Canadian city celebrated Labor Day with a AFL strike of 1,000 beverage dispensers and hotel club employees, members of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Int'l. Alliance.

Within 24 hours 66 hotels had agreed to a \$3 weekly increase. The remaining 34 were still being pitted.

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Ralph Heisel, CIO Unemployment Director, told the delegates that the defense program would absorb only a small section of the nation's unemployed, and forecast a much more serious situation than ever before when the present war ends.

He cited figures on steel production showing that in three years nearly 80,000 men have been displaced despite the same level of production, and said that technological displacement of workers goes on at a tremendous pace.

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Aircraft Company to Expand Facilities

EAST HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 5 (UPI)—The United Aircraft Corp. today began construction of a new factory building, containing 400,000 square feet of floor space, because of inadequate facilities to meet government orders.

The latest order received was one from the navy for \$180,000,000 worth of airplane engines.

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Quake in Palestine

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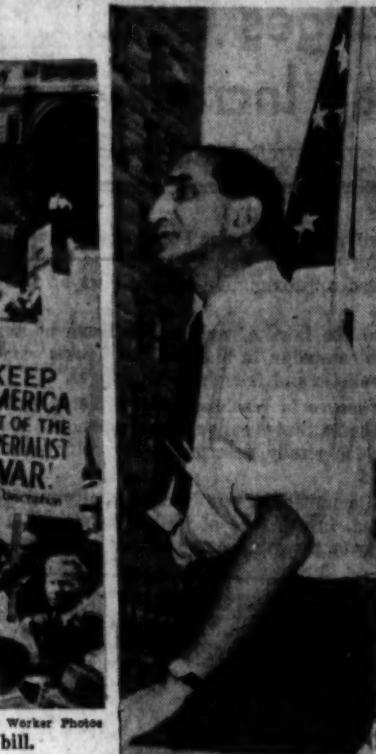
Union Square Echoes the Nation's Protest Against the Draft



Fifteen thousand New Yorkers seen above, rallied in Union Sq. on Wednesday to raise their voices, along with the rest of the American people against the Roosevelt drive to war, and the attempt of

the War Congress to put over the fascist-like conscription bill.

Above right is seen Israel Amitz, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party as he addressed the Union Sq. rally.



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Democracy, Peace, Is Best 'Defense,' Says CIO Electrical Parley

Delegates to UERW Convention Hear Warning That Unemployment Will Not Be Solved By Arms Program; Lewis Sends Greetings

By Art Shields

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 5.—National Defense depends on a policy of peace and democracy, and social security declared delegates to the annual convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers at the Hotel Hollenden here. By unanimous vote the 700 delegates, who represent a quarter of a million industrial unionists, adopted a strong five-point peace program based on the maintenance of democracy, civil liberties and avoidance of foreign wars.

Instead the country will get the worst economic crisis in its history, when arms production begins to lag, as lag it eventually will, he pointed out.

"The crisis will be unprecedented," he emphasized.

Maximum arms industry employment figures three years from now, when the arms budget might rise to \$10,000,000,000 a year, would not exceed 3,000,000, he pointed out.

And tending to offset the arms jobs would be the job lost as production of consumers' goods fell and imports dropped.

Hetsel said the fallacy that arms would cure unemployment was advanced by the men who have failed to solve the unemployment crisis that now exists when over 10,000 workers are still unemployed.

UNIONS SEND GREETINGS

Greennings from the United Rubber Workers, CIO union, were brought to the Convention by International President Dalrymple.

Delegates' attachment to John L. Lewis, President of the CIO, was expressed in the open disappointment that greeted the reading of the telegram Lewis sent from Washington to President Carey, expressing his sorrow at his inability to attend the Convention.

Lewis explained that he could not leave the sessions of the Senate Committee on Labor, where the fight to save the Wagner Labor Act was under way.

Delegates understood, but they wanted to hear Lewis so much, to hear the man who had always stood by their young union and was now fighting with the ranks of labor to save America from involvement in the war.

They were somewhat comforted, however, by Lewis's warm words of praise for their union and its record of tremendous accomplishments.

"You have my personal and official pride in the grand achievements of your union and its leaders," said the CIO President.

U.S.-Japanese Militarists Meet In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Sept. 5 (UP)—Admiral Thomas C. Hart, United States Navy Commander in chief in the Far East, Rear Admiral William A. Glassford, Jr., Col. De Witt Peck, American Marine commandant and Consul General Richard P. Buttrick conferred for four hours today on the approaching show down with Japan regarding defense of the international settlement.

A statement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull at Washington, calling for maintenance of the present status in Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies, and expressing hope of an early agreement with Japan by which American marines would take control of defense sectors evacuated by British troops, was taken here to mean that the United States stood pat in its demand for control of the vitally important business section.

The Duet of Mr. Churchill and Roosevelt--But the 'Army-Navy Journal' Knows Better

(Continued from Page 1)

world struggle. "Measures short of war" have been expanded to measures at the point of war." (Aug. 24.)

This confesses the truth, despite all the efforts of Mr. Churchill to provide a smokescreen behind which London and Washington are conducting war intrigues involving the fate of the United States.

The Army and Navy Journal goes further:

"The inevitable conclusion to be drawn from these developments is that the United States has moved to the point where it is COMMITTED TO ASSIST THE BRITISH EMPIRE in the war with Germany."

Do you get that, people of America?—COMMITTED to assist Britain; that is to say, committed to go to war.

The direct evidence on which the Army and Navy Journal circles base their startling revelation is just this: destroyer-naval bases deal which has just been sprung on the United States without Congressional debate or popular approval.

The Army and Navy Journal also reveals that there has been an American naval, military and air mission in London. What were they doing there? Figuring out how to defend the United States, maybe? It is building bridges to American participation in the war the way Roosevelt wants it.

The Army and Navy Journal also spills the beans concerning the probable manner in which the Canadian Agree-

ment will figure in getting the United States in. It definitely hints that the British may transfer their Government to Ottawa. Then, says the Army and Navy Journal prophetically, "under the Canada Pact this would mean that we would have to extend our protection to it. That of course would involve us into the war to the full extent." (Aug. 24.)

So, all that Britain has to do to get us in is to transfer its Royal Family and Government to Canada—and we will be in, thanks to the Roosevelt deal with Canada.

Wall Street gets naval bases from which it can dominate the Latin American countries—and Britain gets an indirect bridge over which it can drag the United States into the war. Such is the result of the Roosevelt foreign policy.

That is why he wants to rush the Burke-Wadsworth Bill and get a conscripted army quickly. It has nothing to do with defense of America; it is for aggression and imperialist conquest.

When Churchill says the destroyer deal doesn't shove us closer to the final plunge, he is lying to the American people. He knows it. Washington knows it. The Army and Navy Journal crowd know it. The editors and the radio commentators know it.

Now the people must know it!

They must unite their immense people's power to stop this double-quick march which is taking our boys to their doom because Wall Street bankers want to grab a colonial empire.

American treaty permits such action, it was said.

They were the first orders for arrests issued from Rio, sleepy provincial town where the 10-man supreme Court is making its investigations preparatory to returning indictments against former government leaders, generals and provincial officials.

Cot was Air Minister in the 1936 regime of Leon Blum and was succeeded in the post by La Chambe who served as Air Minister at the beginning of the war and before the war under former Premier Edouard Daladier.

Swiss Radios Down

ZURICH, Switzerland, Sept. 5 (UP)—Swiss radio stations have been ordered to close down nightly at 10 o'clock because of belief that they were useful in guiding British planes crossing Switzerland to attack northern Italy. It was announced today.

The audience was held in the king's audience chamber on the first floor of the palace. The king wore the khaki uniform of a field marshal. The U. S. officers wore business suits.

Mayor Okays Walker for \$20,000 Job

Made Decision While '7,000 Feet in Air', LaGuardia Says

Mayor LaGuardia, arriving yesterday by airplane from Washington, made his peace with Tammany Hall.

He recommended that former Mayor James J. Walker be appointed as an impartial arbitrator for the cloak and suit industry at a salary of \$30,000.

The post was formerly held by Sol Rosenblatt, attorney and former NRA administrator.

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, had asked the Mayor on Wednesday to recommend someone as an arbitrator in the industry.

Asked why he chose Walker for the post, the Mayor said:

"I think it is a typical New York situation. He ought to understand it. It will require a lot of time."

LaGuardia said he made his decision while "7,000 feet in the air" on his way here from a Washington conference.

CIO Contract Covers 10,000 Clerks Here

LONDON, Sept. 5 (UP)—King George VI today received in audience Rear Admiral Robert L. Ghormley, Maj. Gen. Delos C. Emmons and Brig. Gen. George V. Strong, U. S. Military and naval observers.

They were presented by Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy and spent half an hour with the king at Buckingham Palace. It was believed that they discussed the Anglo-American destroyer deal.

The audience was held in the king's audience chamber on the first floor of the palace. The king wore the khaki uniform of a field marshal. The U. S. officers wore business suits.

The split shift is banned and there is a provision that any of the men drafted for army service will be reemployed when their government service ends.

A stabilization board headed by Aaron L. Solomon, impartial chairman under the contract, will re-examine wages in the light of rising prices.

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The resolution emphasized the need for a higher standard of living.

The resolution was adopted by the delegates after the resolution was read by Vice President McLeish, Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Social Legislation.

McLeish's Scotch accent was charged with emotion as he read the resolution assailing the forces behind the Bridges deportation bills as "elements hostile and alien" to the people of the United States.

Bridges was persecuted, said the resolution, "because he has courageously led the workers in their fight for a higher standard of living."

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VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTS OF MINORITY PARTIES

Summary, May-August, 1940

The newly-created Committee on Election Rights—1940, sponsored by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, began its work yesterday with a pamphlet challenge to the American people to defend their gravely menaced rights to the free ballot. The brochure listed the following flagrant violations of ballot rights in 18 states.

1. OHIO: Canvassers for the Socialist Labor Party harassed by the police and forced to leave town. Scripps-Howard paper began publishing list of Communist Party petition signers.

2. NEW YORK: Canvassers for Socialist Labor and Communist Parties arrested and forced out of town in numerous counties. Ex-Congressman O'Connor announces organization of committee to keep Communist Party off the ballot. Hearst newspaper, New York Journal-American, organizes similar campaign.

3. MASSACHUSETTS: State Ballot Law Commissioners ruled all minority parties, Socialist, Socialist Labor, Communist and Prohibition, off the ballot, leaving the field entirely to Democratic and Republican Parties.

4. ILLINOIS: Over 100 cases of assault and arrest of can-

vassers for Communist and Socialist Labor Parties. Many run out of town. Six Communist Party canvassers and a lawyer acting as observer arrested on "treason" charges, each held in \$20,000 bail. Three automobiles of canvassers burned. Five canvassers held without charge, put in cell on hot midsummer night and steam turned on.

5. LOUISIANA: Attorney-General threatens to prosecute persons who sign independent nomination petitions. This is aimed at Democrats-for-Willkie organization, but hits all other minority groups as well.

6. ARKANSAS: Action similar to Louisiana's was taken.

7. ARIZONA: Communist Party arbitrarily ruled off ballot by Attorney-General in extra-legal ruling; they are not qualified to hold office, although election laws fully complied with. Attorney-General tours state to get petition signers to repudiate signatures. Local attorney defending two canvassers run out of his home. Canvassers arrested, assaulted, or threatened with physical violence by mobs and state officers in almost every county.

8. WEST VIRGINIA: Oscar Wheeler, Communist Party gubernatorial candidate, sentenced to six to fifteen years for fraud in alleged failure to reveal identity of party for which he was collecting signatures, although petition form was put in evidence

and showed one-half inch hammer and sickle emblem and name of Communist Party in ten-point bold type. Six others indicted on same charge. One hundred and fifty indicted for voting in primary after signing petitions. Attorney assaulted and driven out of town. Order issued by court forbidding Communist Party place on ballot. American Legion published 8,600 names of Communist Party petition signers; letters sent to each signer by Dies Committee.

9. PENNSYLVANIA: Fifty Communist Party petition can-

vassers indicted on charge and evidence similar to that in Wheeler case in West Virginia (see above). All signers of petitions subpoenaed in Pittsburgh; all in Philadelphia questioned by police; all in state receive letters from Dies Committee; pressure causes discharge of employees signing petitions; school teachers intimidated, threatened with dismissal for signing. Scripps-Howard paper, Pittsburgh Press, publishes names of petition signers.

10. MICHIGAN: Secretary of State announced cross index file of Communist Party petition signers and threatened dismissal of all state employees on list. Newspapers published names of signers. Action brought to bar Communist Party from ballot. Petition signers dismissed from state jobs. Twelve canvassers arrested and held without charge.

11. GEORGIA: Attorney-General issued statement he would do all in his power to keep Communist Party off ballot. No legal basis given.

12. KANSAS: Secretary of State ruled Communist Party off ballot on basis of an overruled opinion of Kansas Attorney-General of 1924, with statement he would rather go to jail than put Communist Party on ballot.

13. KENTUCKY: Letter sent by Dies Committee to each of 1,400 signers of Communist Party petitions.

14. TENNESSEE: Governor requested State Election Commission to rule Communist Party off ballot. Democratic "Boss" Crump announced no Communists could enter his state.

15. INDIANA: Governor announced he will call special meeting of State Election Commissioners to consider ruling Communist Party off ballot.

16. MAINE: Three canvassers arrested and driven out of town; signers of Socialist Party petitions threatened with publication of blacklist.

17. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Three canvassers illegally held and fingerprinted, though no charges filed.

18. COLORADO: American Legion announced it will seek a method to keep Communist Party off ballot.

THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR A SECRET BALLOT AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Quash Indictments of 11 Pa. Petition Canvassers

Judge Admits Insufficient Evidence; Two to Be Sentenced

BULLETIN

(Special to the Daily Worker)

GREENSBURG, Pa., Sept. 5.—David Miller, former Westmoreland County Secretary of the Communist Party, and Arnold Formari, miner, were found guilty today in the second trial of claimants of Communist Party nominating petitions in this county. Miller was convicted of "perjury," "violation of election laws" and "conspiracy" with Formari to collect signatures "under false pretenses." Formari was convicted on the conspiracy charge and on seven indictments charging false pretenses.

Both Miller and Formari were immediately remanded to jail and held under double bond. Miller's bail is now set at \$10,000 and Formari's at \$5,000. A motion for a new trial was immediately made.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

GREENSBURG, Pa., Sept. 4.—The quashing of eleven of seventeen indictments as a result of the judge's decision that the state's evidence was insufficient and the outright repudiation of the district attorney's position by two of the state's witnesses featured the first day of the trial of David Miller and Arnold Formari, arrested on charges of "illegally" collecting signatures for the Communist Party's nominating petitions in Westmoreland County.

Miller, who is Westmoreland County secretary of the Communist Party and Formari, a miner who has not worked since 1926 as a result of injuries suffered in the mine, are two of the eleven workers arrested several weeks ago on charges of securing signatures for the nominating petition under false pretense.

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Fired for Signing Petition, Teacher Fights to Get Job Back

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 5.—Despite the admission that as a voter he had a constitutional right to sign a Communist nominating petition, James Gillies, science teacher at the Wilmerding High School, has been fired by the school board.

The dismissal came as a result of the publication of Gillies' name as a petition signer by the Pittsburgh Press local Scripps Howard paper. Gillies was ousted just as the new school term began. This is the latest case of blacklisting as a result of the publication of names of signers of the Communist Party by the Press.

At the same time the School Board admitted that Gillies' work as an instructor had been completely satisfactory. Gillies has been a teacher in Allegheny County for eight and a half years. He has been at the Wilmerding High School for the past three years.

Mr. Gillies has announced his intention to appeal the dismissal on the basis of the tenure act and is being supported in this by the American Federation of Teachers.

C.P. Demands Radio Chain Lift Gag Rule

Formal Complaint Is Sent to Federal Communications Commission on Refusal of NBC to Sell Broadcasting Time

A formal complaint against the National Broadcasting Corporation was filed with the Federal Communications Commission, by the Communist National Election Campaign Committee yesterday, charging the radio corporation with censorship of political opinion in their refusal to contract for the eight Communist coast-to-coast hookups on "dates and places which were unsold and available."

The complaint demanded the Federal Commission take immediate action to compel compliance by N.B.C. with the rules established by Washington, "and upon their failure to do so, for the revocation of their broadcasting licenses."

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SCHEDULED FOR LABOR DAY

The Communist Party complaint further states that after the Democratic convention the matter was again taken up, and N.B.C. invited representatives of the Party to their offices for a conference "exhibiting the time schedules available for sale during the campaign." On July 30, in accordance with the radio corporation's suggestions, a formal order for eight national broadcasts were made for dates and places "which were unsold and available."

The first hook-up was to have taken place on Labor Day, September 2. "It was understood that within a few days," the complaint states, "the order for the contract was to be sent." It never was. The Campaign Committee charged, "On August 22, a letter was then forwarded to N.B.C. pointing out that 'the first broadcast was for September 2 and

that time was growing very short. No reply was received to that communication and at the present time we find that September 2 has already passed, and that the arrangements made by various state campaign committees of the Communist Party for local radio time in conjunction with the national hook-up were all wasted motion and needless expenditure of money."

All efforts to elicit further information from N.B.C. have been fruitless, the Communist Party complaint charges, and that such "evasion is a clear-cut violation of your Federal rules concerning like treatment to all political parties, and would be outright refusal to sell us time."

In a statement issued after the complaint was forwarded to Washington, Wm. Z. Foster, the national chairman of the Communist Election Campaign Committee, charged that this "arbitrary action of a corporation of which political party should, and which political party should not address the citizens of the country in a national election campaign, is not only an abridgment of free speech but a direct attempt to imitate a Nazi election in the United States, where all except approved monopoly candidates are ruled out."



Reproduced above is cover of Communist Party's election platform issued in two million copies by the National Campaign Committee of the Communist Party.

Ford Off on Second Lap Of Nat'l Campaign Tour

Denounces Latest Court Move to Muzzle Browder; They Won't Stifle Opposition to War, He Declares on Leaving City

James W. Ford, Communist Vice-Presidential candidate, waved farewell to crowds at Pennsylvania Station last night, who had come to see him off on the second lap of his nation-wide tour. The famous Negro leader left New York City at 9:35 P. M. yesterday for a tour of West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. New York State Communist leaders were present at the station to see Ford "off."

"They cannot and will not stifle the voice of the people in their opposition to this imperialist war," said the Communist vice presidential standard bearer as he boarded the train. "The arbitrary action of a Federal Judge yesterday, in depriving the citizenry of our country from their right of hearing to Earl Browder's message will not succeed. We will be heard in our efforts to uphold the Bill of Rights, in our fight against conscription and war and for a decent standard of living... I can assure you that the thirteen million Negroes will struggle shoulder to shoulder with

their white-fellow workers in the effort to bring about a peaceful and just America."

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, and Ford will speak at a mass meeting in Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Vice-Presidential candidate will then go to Akron, Ohio, for a mass election rally on Wednesday. Ford will broadcast in practically every important city on his itinerary.

For part of the trip, he will be accompanied by Ben Carrethers, Negro leader in Pittsburgh who will act as campaign manager. In Youngstown, Ohio, William Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress from Chicago's South Side will travel with Ford as his mid-west manager until the end of his trip.

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Amter, Begun to Open Campaigns Friday Night

Bronx Rally Will Launch 1940 CP Drive on Platform of Peace, Jobs

Peace-time conscription and the rapid drift of the Roosevelt Administration towards involving America in war will be sharply attacked by the people in the Bronx at a mass-meeting Friday night, September 6th, at Paradise Manor, 11 West Mt. Eden Avenue.

This meeting will mark the open-



ISRAEL AMTER

ing of the first 1940 series of election rallies in Greater New York by the Communist Candidate for the U. S. Senate in the State of New York, Israel Amter.

Isidore Begun, Campaign Manager of the New York State Election Campaign Committee, Communist Party, and candidate for Congress in the 23rd Bronx Congressional District, will also open his election drive with an address at this meeting.

Son of a capmaker, Begun worked his way through high school and college. Upon graduation from the College of the City of New York, Begun obtained an appointment as teacher in Public School 55, in the Bronx. Begun's leadership in the fight against bigger classes, fewer teachers, wage cuts and Tammany corruption in the sale of school sites and in public school building contracts, following the 1929 crisis, led him to resign from his election drive with an address at this meeting.

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Calif. Court Again Refuses to Ban C.P. from Ballot

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—For a second time within three months the California Supreme Court today refused to exclude the Communist Party from the ballot.

The Court rejected a petition by five Southern Californians who described themselves as war veterans. They had sought a writ to compel the California secretary of state to eliminate the names of Communists from the ballot.

2,500 Sign C.P. Petition in Akron

(Special to the Daily Worker)

AKRON, Ohio, Sept. 5.—Nearly 2,500 signatures, more than twice the number required by law, have been filed with the Summit County Election Board to place the name of Albert W. Smoyer, Communist candidate for State representative on the ballot.

At the same time, it was announced here today that almost 4,000 signatures have been collected in Summit County to place the names of Communist candidates for state-wide offices on the ballot. The exact number of petition signatures for Candidate Smoyer at the time of filing was 2,477.

Youngstown Judge Puts Ban on Hall Slur to Courts

(Special to the Daily Worker)

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Sept. 5.—Without any hearing or notification to the Communist Party, Judge Eskin Malden yesterday granted a temporary injunction to stop the Board of Directors of Convention Hall here with "virtual contempt of court" on refusing to permit the use of the hall for an election campaign meeting of the Communist Party.

In a letter to Edgar S. McKair, president of the board, Reeve said, "the decision of the board is a flagrant violation of civil liberties and free elections in Philadelphia. Furthermore it is virtual contempt of court, because the courts have ruled, after lengthy hearings, that the Communist Party is entitled to the use of Convention Hall."

He cited the decision of a three-judge court in December, 1937, which declared that the trustees had abused their discretion in refusing to permit the Communist Party to use the hall.

Gus Hall, Communist candidate for County Commissioner, will file nominating petitions with the board of elections on Friday morning.

Noted Liberals Form 'Committee on Election Rights' To Defend Constitutional Rights of Minority Parties

Formation of the "Committee on Election Rights 1940," of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, was announced by Dashiell Hammett, Chairman, yesterday.

Function of the Committee, Mr. Hammett said, will be "to protect the right of new parties and minority parties to place their candidates on the ballot, and protect the right of citizens to vote as they please." Mr. Hammett cited numerous violations of these rights in regard to the Socialist, Socialist Labor, Communist and Prohibition Parties in a number of states, in the current

election campaign, as reason for setting up the Committee.

"It will be our function to help coordinate national and local efforts to protect these rights," Mr. Hammett said. "This Committee is not interested in the merits or demerits of doctrines advocated by Communists, Socialists, Social-Liberals, Prohibitionists, or any other minor party. It is vitally interested in their legal right to a place on the ballot, and in preserving the important function that minority parties perform in American democracy. Without a free ballot there can be no liberty."

IMPORTANCE OF MINORITIES

"It is the history of progressive legislation in the United States

that every major reform has first been brought to the attention of the people through the election platforms of minor parties. It has only been after years of agitation through minor party action that these reforms have found their way into the platforms of major parties.

"Among the many basic reforms first considered too radical for the major parties were:

- Abolition of slavery.
- Federal income taxes.
- Government regulation of railroads.

Initiative, referendum and recall. Curbing of trusts. Child labor legislation. Wage-hour legislation. Old age and unemployment insurance. Legislation protecting labor rights to organize. Free homesteads. Prohibition. Direct election of U. S. Senators. Revision of the banking system. Woman suffrage. Free education. Workmen's compensation. Government relief projects.

"The United States laws make it illegal if two or more persons conspire to prevent by force, intimidation or threat, any citizen who is lawfully entitled to vote from giving his support or advocacy in a legal manner, toward or in favor of the election of any lawful qualified person as an elector for president or vice-president, or as a member of Congress of United States; or to injure any citizen in person or property on account of such support or advocacy."

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The Fight Goes On

Readers of the pro-war press will rub their eyes and wonder if the conscription bill is actually being debated in Congress. For the N. Y. Times places the news of the opening of the debate on one of the most important bills ever to come before Congress, on Page 14.

Meanwhile, the leading supporters of the bill in Congress also behave as if the matter had already been voted on. Rep. Wadsworth opens the debate by announcing the plans which the War Department has already made for carrying out the draft.

But while the war crowd tries to dampen the protest movement by pretending that this fascist bill is practically on the statute books, the people themselves are fighting. Rep. Marcantonio spoke for the millions who have been raising their voices against conscription when he charged that the bill "will not be used for defense, but for participation in an imperialist war."

There is still time to write, wire or visit your Congressman—if you do it at once. Remind him that election is coming and urge him to speak up with the forthrightness of Marcantonio.

Greedy Eyes on The Far East

Nothing reveals the greedy, cunning outlook of American imperialism as does its attitude to the war between Japan and China.

Unlike the war now going on between rival imperialisms in Europe, the war in the Far East is really being fought over the issue of democracy, with the Chinese people valiantly struggling for their independence.

But The New York Times sees this war in the Far East only as it affects Wall Street's plans to gobble up new colonies and markets. Says the Times: "The moment Japan has crushed China's resistance, that moment Japan is wholly free to embark upon aggressive action in any other part of the Pacific area: against Indo-China; against the Dutch East Indies; worse still, against Singapore..."

For this reason, The New York Times declares, "it is to our advantage to have the Chinese continue their resistance to Japan." Note—the Times does not consider it to "our" advantage to have the Chinese defeat the Japanese and achieve their independence—only to "continues their resistance" to keep Japan involved so that Wall Street can have a free hand.

In fact, the Times has indicated on previous occasions that it would welcome an agreement with Japan against China if it could be done on Wall Street's terms. That is why it alternately exerts a little pressure on Japan and then makes friendly advances.

The policy pursued by Great Britain and France at Munich was a purely imperialist policy designed to further the schemes of these two empires. The Times gave full support to this policy and showed the same indifference to the fate of the people of Czechoslovakia that it now displays toward the people of China.

If Japan threatens the national interests of the United States, then surely the best answer to this threat would be an alliance between the American people, the Soviet Union and China.

Ernest Lundeen

Senator Ernest Lundeen's untimely death will be mourned by thousands of workers and farmers, far beyond the borders of his own state of Minnesota.

Nothing can erase the memory of Lundeen's courageous stand in the House of Representatives against the Wilsonian adventure. For that opposition he was subjected to a torrent of abuse and to personal physical attack. Nothing swerved him in that great crisis from his continued campaign against every war measure and appropriation, and events vindicated his position.

Neither can it be forgotten that in the depths of the Hoover depression, it was Lundeen who did not hesitate to attach his name to the first unemployment and social insurance bill, although it was initiated by the National Unemployment Council which had been loudly dubbed as "Communistic." This was a brave act on the part of the Farmer-Labor Representative, which broke the ice in the move forward toward the attainment of social security legislation. Every man or woman who benefits by social security provisions today—as inadequate as these are—can remember the name of Ernest Lundeen, who pioneered while other politicians scoffed and sneered.

When elevated to the Senate, Lundeen

lost touch with those movements which were striving for peace and for progress, and even became estranged from them. Though he was ill-advised and therefore did not understand the tremendous contribution of collective security to the fight for peace, Lundeen tried according to his lights to act courageously against the monopolists who are denuding America and bring on American participation in the imperialist bloodletting.

As a member of the middle class, Lundeen's limitations were those of his place in society. It is to his credit that he overcame these limitations to the extent that he did, thus making a contribution to the welfare of the common people that will not be forgotten.

The Fifth Column

In Mexico

The statements of open rebellion being issued here by the fascist General Almazan, should make every American ask this question:

Is American soil being used as a base for insurrection in Mexico?

Almazan, the would-be Franco of Mexico, is feted as a hero by the war mongers in the United States. Papers like the New York Herald Tribune bolster Almazan's plans by pretending that he won the election in which he actually suffered a resounding defeat.

There has been much talk in the press about Fifth Columns in Mexico. But it is becoming clear now that the Nazis are by no means the only Fifth Column below the Rio Grande. There is also the Fifth Column of Wall Street, of the oil interests and of the reactionary American press.

The support given to Almazan exposes the whole hypocrisy of the cry of "defending the Western Hemisphere." It is evident now that this "defense" means upsetting popular elections to favor American imperialist interests. It means "defending" the Western Hemisphere from the people and from their desire to stay out of the war.

The 'Heavy-Hearted' New Republic

We grieve for the editors of the "liberal" weekly The New Republic. They announce they are for conscription, but they say that they give their endorsement with "heavy hearts."

What makes their pure hearts so heavy? It is the knowledge that conscription may carry with it a danger of a "home-grown fascism." And how do they propose to combat this danger? For one thing, they propose to lift the age limits placed by the Senate, so that still greater sections of the population can be subjected to this fascist tyranny.

It was with the same heavy hearts that the editors of the New Republic gave their support to Woodrow Wilson in 1917 and to America's participation in the great slaughter to "save democracy." The heavy hearts of these "liberals" are always accompanied by heavy profits for the millionaires and heavy casualty lists for the people.

Real News Doesn't Seem To Be News at All

Suppose a conference were held, attended by almost 6,000 delegates and official observers, including some of the most outstanding individuals in America, for the purpose of BACKING conscription. Think of the columns of publicity that the conference would receive in the press with pictures of the most prominent persons and with full accounts of all speeches and decisions!

The Emergency Peace Mobilization held in Chicago over the last week end, was just such a conference with this all-important difference: instead of backing conscription, it launched a nation-wide campaign to DEFEAT IT. The press therefore gave only a few lines to this gathering, hoping to keep from the reader all knowledge that the mobilization had even taken place.

Every time a progressive movement of the people is launched some smart guy issues a statement that there must be something suspect about it because the Daily Worker gives so much space to it. But why don't the Times, Herald Tribune, Post and World-Telegram devote some space, for a change, to these movements for peace and progress? The Daily Worker has no desire to have a monopoly on such vital and significant news.

What About the British Colonies?

We do not know whether there is anything to the dispatches about revolts in the French colonies. But we find the following headline from PM very interesting:

"French Colonials Ripe for Revolt—Natives Have Been Held in Oppression, Their Civil Rights Denied."

It is peculiar after all these years to have the newspapers suddenly speak of the persecution and enslavement of the inhabitants of the French colonies. But what about the British colonies? Isn't the oppression just as great in British South Africa as in French West Africa? Aren't civil rights denied with the same brutality in India as in French Indo-China?

And aren't the British colonies just as ripe for revolt as the French colonies?

IMPERIALIST WAR

--by Ellis



Rivals in Horror

AN EDITORIAL

AI RAID sirens scream hellishly day by day in London and Berlin. Millions of human beings are herded like hunted animals into underground shelters. Buildings are blown off the face of the earth and fragments of bodies are splattered over the streets of British and German cities.

In his speech at the Sportpalast, Hitler declared that this reign of death and destruction would go on to more horrible lengths. Whole English cities will be "erased." If the British hurl down 6,000 tons of bombs on German cities and civilians, the Nazis will seal the British cities with 600,000 tons of bombs.

This hell of the imperialist's making is to continue even to the extermination of whole peoples. "The hour will come when one of us cracks," shouted the Fuehrer, "and it will not be National Socialist Germany."

In like tone and manner has Winston Churchill proclaimed the slaughter of the German people, in a war that he says will go on into 1941 and 1942.

Only yesterday Churchill replied to the bloody threats of Hitler with equally violent threats of his own. Said the British Premier: "If this is to be . . . a contest of nerves, will power and endurance in which the whole British and German people are to engage, it be short or be it long, we shall not shrink from it."

Thus, coldly and cynically, do the spokesmen for the rival imperialists glory in the sea of blood in which they have engulfed the nations. The horror of their inferno shocks the decency of the peoples of the world.

Why is this revolting Gethsemane foisted upon the peasants, the workers and the other common people? Hitler asserts that England wishes to tell Germany what to do. Churchill declares with equal vehemence that Germany wants to tell England what to do. Neither dares to tell the world what are their real war aims.

Beneath these hypocritical phrases, the naked truth stands out—that the people are being killed off by the thousands, their homes demolished and their lives made nightmares, in order that the monopoly pirates of each land may rule the world. It is colonies, markets, power to exploit helpless peoples, which constitute the prize from which these gangsters of monopoly are striving. For the greater profits and prestige of these pirates, the masses are dying, not only in Germany and England but in Italy and in faraway colonial countries.

President Roosevelt—aided by Wendell Willkie—is striving to bring these horrors upon our own land. From the agonized cry of the peoples of Europe, we can hear and heed this warning: "America, hold back. Keep out of this useless, imperialist war, which can lead only to darkness and destruction for the common man."

Letters from Our Readers

Democracy Cannot Be Defended By Destroying It

New York, N. Y.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

The World War with its slogans of "The War to End All Wars" and "Save the World for Democracy" has been proven a farce. Every man, woman and child in America today knows that the last war was fought for new colonies, it was an imperialist war. Those same slogans cannot be pushed upon the American people today. This present war is the same kind of war—an imperialist one.

Can we really believe that England is fighting a war for democracy when she has more than 500,000,000 people enslaved. Is it true democracy when the rich of England flee to the shores of America, and the children of the working class, the people who are doing the fighting and the dying—must remain in England to be butchered.

In America today under the slogan of "National Unity" and "Defense," laws for the registration of the foreign-born have been instituted. Every effort is being made to destroy the labor movement by a Conscription bill that would also do away with free speech and assembly. Democracy cannot be defended by destroying it.

The Earmarks of the Cloven Foot Of Fascism

New York, N. Y.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

In view of the daily occurring violations of the principles of democracy, on the part of those in high circles who cannot endure to continue the process of democracy, it is well for all workers to be able to recognize the cloven hoof of fascism with which big monopoly is at work in an attempt to stamp American democracy underfoot through a brutal reign of terror.

Fascism, at least in its initial stages, never proclaims itself as fascism. It cloaks itself under sham-patriotic slogans, associations, leagues and committees, and hides its aims. Its program is never specific and concrete, it always deals in abstractions and vague generalities (examples: speeches of Willkie and Roosevelt, etc.) with no intention of carrying them out. Their voices rave about "national defense," "western civilization" and "freedom from business interference."

The voices of fascism never urge the unity of the working class, their kind of "unity" is for big business against the people, to smash wages and the unions, to revoke all legislative safeguards to labor. M.C.

Mrs. Roosevelt's 'Little Bit' Toward The War Drive Propaganda

New York, N. Y.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

To do her "little bit" for war drive propaganda, Mrs. Roosevelt said the American people were "too soft."

Mothers do not like to raise their children for cannon fodder used to create billionaires enemies of American democracy. They do not go in for watering stock and selling ten billions of dollars worth of worthless foreign bonds to "soft" suckers, as did the firm of Morgan & Co. after the last World War. They do not set up Dies Committees to protect Nazis while inciting vigilantes through war hysteria to violence and illegal acts against the fundamental principles of our Constitution, under the traitor cloak masked as "national defense."

Mrs. Roosevelt evidently prefers "hard" people who get elected to high office on demagogic and fraudulent promises and then seek to get Wall Street support to become a wartime fascist dictator by the method of betraying the very people who put him into office. Hard people who would send our youth to be slaughtered so that the vested interests can continue to prey like wild beasts on the people of England by robbing them of the means of liberty, life and the pursuit of happiness. M.C.

The Trick the Big Shots Have Up Their Sleeve

Staten Island, N. Y.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

Some people say the world is going mad, but it isn't the world that is going crazy, it's the rotten capitalist system that is the cause of this madness.

This is the time when working people should pause and do some serious thinking on how to bury this animal capitalism. The remedy is simple, the working people possess the greatest power on earth, the only thing lacking is organization. The workers should organize, read and think because the big shots have up their sleeve a nice trick to put fascism over on the American people on the pretext of fighting for democracy.

Eww, American people; the very ones that are trying to drag us into that inferno over there in the name of democracy would be the very ones that would pull the same trick on us that the ruling classes in France did on their people.

We must do everything possible to stop the passage of the Burke-Wadsworth Bill to avoid the first step in that direction.

I Learned It Was My Fight'

Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been reading the Daily Worker consistently for several years. I am a foreign born Negro who arrived legally in the U. S. in 1922. However, I have never applied for citizenship, and this is really very strange.

You will remember that 1922 was the year of the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill. Well, I read the "Times," "Tribune" in those days. I can still see the speeches of the Senators who were the law makers. The vicious, anti-Negro slanders, the degrading remarks and insults that they hurled. I reasoned, this was the Government speaking and to pay to become a citizen of this, would be folly personified.

I came from one of the Islands of the Caribbean that is being haggled for by this Government at the present time. I know poverty, exploitation and human suffering as a colonial.

Later, when I was introduced to the Daily Worker by a friend, I was to learn correctly, that my attitude was wrong. I learned that it was impossible to do anything about existing conditions by only feeling angry personally, and closing myself away. I learnt that it was my fight and to take up the struggle fully, become a citizen. However, I did not overcome the first nauseating experience.

I have learnt a great deal, during the years that I have lived in this land. I owe it to no other source but the Daily Worker. I have seen it as the only champion of the rights of the people in general, and particularly to the Negro people a faithful friend. I have seen our cause championed against great odds, and I have seen victory. We will defend this champion—we know it has the message of liberation, and that it will headline yet our cherished hope and aspiration.

If Democracy Is to Be Defended—It Must First Be Enjoyed'

New York, N. Y.
 Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of a telegram we sent to Senator Barkley:

"We Negro and white people assembled here refuse to accept your arbitrary decision on the Federal Anti-Lynch Bill. We insist and demand that this bill and the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax bill be immediately enacted into law. If democracy is to be defended it must first be enjoyed."

HARRIET TUBMAN BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONSTANT READER

The 'Getting Soft' Theorists
Get Busy in the Magazines

By SENDER GARLIN

ONE of the striking aspects of this "war against Hitlerism" is the speed with which the war-makers here have adopted the fascist "philosophy." It was the triumvirate Hitler, Goebbels and Goering which first promulgated the notion that the German people were going soft, and immediately prescribed rations that would cure this vice. The "getting soft" theory next turned up in Marshal Petain's headquarters as an explanation for the treacherous surrender of France to the Nazis by its ruling clique; Ambassador Bullitt echoed it and on Labor Day we were treated to the spectacle of the President of the U. S. berating the sturdiness of the American people in opposing his effort to set up a military dictatorship by accusing them of getting "soft."

The intellectual handymen in the organs of middle-class opinion are getting busy, too, for this is a theme which has infinite possibilities. It has become the fashion to browbeat the American people into the fascist straitjacket which Wall Street's executive committee in Washington is seeking to force upon them; it is a justification for fingerprinting of aliens; conscripting the youth, unloading mountains of taxes upon the people and preparing the offensive for the destruction of organizations of labor and the Bill of Rights.

For such an ambitious campaign all available forces are recruited. Editorials in the newspapers, broadcasts on the radio, sermons in the churches, statements by college presidents, threats by Army generals, and learned essays in the "quality" magazines all form part of this crusade.

Typical of these erudite essays in the magazines is an amazing article in the September issue of Harpers by a regular contributor, Mr. Roy Helton. In his article ominously entitled, "The Inner Threat: Our Own Softness," Mr. Helton paints a gloomy picture of what is happening to contemporary civilization. "The War of 1914," he reports, "was the bloodiest and most violent war in human history. Yet this present war exceeds it in every dimension but that of time." Words that are undoubtedly true; but what caused the war of 1914? What caused the war of 1939? Mr. Helton fails to suggest an answer.

He has a more pressing assignment. The enemy from within, he says, is more sinister than any enemy from without. Taken by itself, this is not a statement with which any open-eyed observer can quarrel. But the question remains to be answered: Who is the enemy from within? Does Mr. Helton carry out the promise of that statement by pointing to the war-makers and their administration in office?

Reversing the consolatory, "The kingdom of heaven is within you," Mr. Helton declares that the real enemy is the American people who have become degenerated by too much luxury. The real enemy is, of course, reaction, fascism and predatory wars. But this is not what Mr. Helton is out to convey.

In words strongly favoring of Goering's "Strength Through Joy" movement, Mr. Helton declares that "for our civilization to survive it must turn its democratic energies toward strength and away from comfort."

The author has provided himself with a startling "theoretical" basis, namely that "for twenty-five years the feminine influence on Western life has mounted into a dominance over every area but that of politics, and even there its power is absolute as to the direction of our purposes."

Nor is Mr. Helton lacking in the spirit of chivalry. He readily concedes that "women are very fine creatures and creatures of superb courage, and no man who is not capable of appreciating that fact has a right to speak at all. But biological and economic realities, as ancient as humanity, compel them to a selection of values of prime importance to themselves: shelter, comfort, and every attainable advantage for their young. When the female influence climbs too far into the ascendancy we have comfort, and its sequel, degeneration."

How sweetly redolent this is of the Nazi watchword for the German women: Kinder, kuche, kirche (children, kitchen, church).

There is no indication either by the author or via an editorial note that Mr. Helton's article is intended to be "humorous." And all doubt on this question is finally resolved when the author lists four major reasons for "our softness, to wit:

(1) That we borrow and borrow, instead of paying; (2) That "we" are a nation of city dwellers, entirely too sedentary. ("For exercise mature Americans move faster and travel farther under cover and on the seats of their pants than the citizens of any other nation in the world."); (3) That "we" indulge our children illicitly, buying them expensive motor cars and sending them to the best schools and colleges; (4) That we have constructed motor roads to the tops of our mountains, thus making it possible for "folks too indolent to climb a seven-foot step-ladder to ascend Mt. Mitchell, Mt. Washington, Clingman's Dome, or Pike's Peak, sitting down."

Unquestionably, all this is a most eloquent description of the American bourgeoisie, the class for which Mr. Helton speaks. But when he speaks of "we" and "our civilization" he ought to make clear that he has in mind the beneficiaries of American capitalism, and not its victims. The thousands who take reducing courses half from New York's Park Avenue and Chicago's Lake Drive.

There is no doubt that Mr. Helton is aware of his reactionary purpose. For he suggests that "our help to the underprivileged (what a cowardly term, this "underprivileged") must be an urge and not a sedative." An urge, no doubt, in the form of conscription and forced labor camps rather than jobs and genuine social security. "We must," he adds, "devise uses for older men and women, so they can contribute to our general strength and not merely sap the energies of the young." Here's the tomahawk directed against old-age insurance and care for the millions of workers thrown on the junk-heaps by a brutal profit system. "Our lawmakers must attain the courage to compel us to pay for the necessities of government by adequate taxes." Here's the Wall Street cry for unloading the tax burden upon the masses.

What brazen hypocrisy! These well-edged scoundrels in high places and their intellectual servitors telling the toilers of America that they have grown "too soft." What a brutal insult to the millions in the steel mills and coal mines, in the packing-houses and oil refineries, on the railroads and in the lumber camps! What a taunt to the unemployed and their starving families; to the oppressed Negro people of the South; to the thousand of crisis suicides; to the new generation of baffled youth who finds the doors of life shut in their faces; what insolence to tell one-third of a nation that is "ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed" that they are growing soft!

Fascist propaganda is making headway in the United States, but not among the people in the shops and on the farms. It has found a welcome among America's "anti-Nazi" war-makers, among the decadent rulers of the country who lay plans for further enslavement of the masses as they hurl insults upon them.

Art Notes

An unusual exhibition called "The Language of Design," prepared under the direction of C. Law Watkins, Associate Director of the Phillips Memorial Gallery in Washington, D. C., opened Wednesday at the American Art Today Building at the New York World's Fair.

Based on the theory of design that every universally familiar spectacle in nature has a pattern that creates an identifiable response in the spectator, the exhibit features twenty of the most familiar Art Project.

Hollywood Beats the 'Drum for Conscription'

Producers Plan Films on U. S. Training Camps

By David Platt

The day after the Senate passed the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill, Louella Parsons, Motion Picture Editor of the Hearst International News Service burst into print with the following portentous item:

"Never let it be said the movies do not keep abreast of the times. Two studios have prepared stories with conscription as the topic and now that the bill has been passed get ready for the avalanche. Both 20th Century and Warners are rushing through with timely screenplays that deal with the citizens' training camp."

"Darryl Zanuck's contribution is Yankee Doodle Goes to Pittsburgh," an original by Delmar Daves and Robert Hopkins. It's a semi-musical with Don Ameche and the very amusing Ben Carter. The Warner yarn "You're in the Army Now" is a hilarious comedy cooked up by Jerry Wald and Richard Macaulay. You'll see its possibilities when I tell you that it's about the bookkeepers and clerks, timid souls in the office who become hardboiled officers when they get to camp and dish out orders to their bosses who are mere privates."

Forced War

Not "Amusing"

This is how it was in the beginning. In 1917 as in 1940 the American people were not able to whip up much of an appetite for the imperialist war and conscription. The bookkeepers and clerks were reluctant to give up their jobs to play soldier. There was nothing "hilarious" in the idea of being butchered on the battlefield. Nothing "amusing" in being tortured to death with laughing gas.

The youth were as suspicious of the whole bloody business and were staying away from the recruiting offices in such large numbers, that several weeks after the United States had officially declared war on Germany, a Washington, D. C. newspaper *It* was dated April 26th 1917 was practically urging the Government to crack down on the motion picture theaters and use force to drive the "slackers" into the army. In an article full of bitterness against the youth because they had failed to enlist in this rich man's war with the requisite haste and enthusiasm, the writer said:

"A survey of local picture theaters during working hours has demonstrated that idle or virtually idle men are holding off and leaving the business of enlisting to the busy man who naturally has a more serious train of thought than the so-called slacker. If a recruiting officer had visited one of the downtown theaters which has a capacity of 275, he would have been able, if he were empowered to employ force, to raise a respectable unit of about 20 men."

Conscription Was Desperate Effort

Conscription then as now was the last desperate effort of big business to force the youth of America to lay down their lives to preserve and strengthen their hold on the nation's resources. It was the task of the movies to make conscription so attractive and to paint the pacifist and the slacker in such an ugly light that mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts would not rest in peace until the men they loved proved their mettle by signing up.

So America was flooded with an avalanche of sugar-coated pills like: The Slacker (Metro); A Slacker's Heart (Popular Cinema); Draft 256 (Metro); Mrs. Slacker (Pathé); 18 to 45 (Fox); The Volunteer (World); Slips and Slackers (Vitagraph); Man Who Was Afraid (Erasman); My Own United States (Metro); Miss U. S. A. (Fox); Pride of New York (Fox); Spirit of 1917 (Para-



A scene from "Thunder Afloat," an M-G-M remake of a 1917 "anti-slacker" war film.

mount); Swat the Spy (Fox); Alien Enemy (Paralax); Huns within our Gates (Arrow), etc.

Baby Peggy, the Shirley Temple of her time, mounted on a pedestal, threatened fathers of families with dire consequences if they chose the slacker's way out, and Madge Kennedy appeared in "The Service Star" which warned against pacifists and slackers. Madge fiercely resented playing opposite a slacker even in a movie. "Next to a pacifist the most despised human in the world today is a slacker," said Miss Kennedy. "The thought of playing opposite one fills me with repugnance."

Hollywood developed the anti-pacifist angle to a fine point and the U. S. War Department declared Metro's "The Slacker" to be the "greatest film ever made." For their purposes it probably was. The Manager of the First National Exhibitors' Circuit instructed his theaters to book it without delay because "it will do more to obtain recruits for the U. S. Army than any other picture shown on the screen."

Remember "The Slacker"?

"The Slacker" was directed by William Christy Cabanne and featured Emily Stevens. Like so many other dishonest films on the Draft it dragged in George Washington, Paul Revere, Nathan Hale, Ulysses Grant and Abe Lincoln and distorted history with a vengeance in order to whip up a patriotic emotion for an imperialist war over markets and profits. In between "The Slacker" told the story of the son of a "rich and indulgent father" who married a "spiritual and finely reared American girl" to evade the draft. She discovered his plan after they had been married for a short while and began working on him to get him to join the Red Cross. Creighton's eyes were eventually opened when he accidentally stumbled into a German spy plot. In the last scene he is shouldering a gun. In the Vitagraph comedy "Slips and Slackers" Larry Semon compelled a scrub-woman to marry him to evade being shot in the trenches. Then he found she was "worse than war."

The movies made the nation believe that every pacifist, every honest thinking person who refused to be blinded by the stream of vicious propaganda emanating from the White House, was in league with secret agents of the Kaiser. In Metro's "Draft 256," Matthew, the black sheep of the Alden family makes speeches against the draft and finally becomes mixed up with a secret ring working for the Kaiser.

Matthew's "clings to his beliefs"

until he realizes that his associates are plotting wholesale murder and destruction.

In the fifth reel, he is irrevocably convinced of the error of his ways when he discovers the head of the ring trying to assault his sister in a locked room. This was the last straw. At the close of the film Matthew, the erstwhile pacifist has donned the khaki. Crime does not pay.

The audience finally beholds the birth of the real man.

The National Guard was being mobilized for border service when this film appeared. Since it portrayed a man who conquered his fear of death, it proved a strong aid in recruiting "fighting men."

Any gun to defend the plunders of a small minority of big business men is a traitor to the nation. In "My Own U. S." Philip Nolan the

third refused to fight for "Democracy." His father then laid bare all the shameful treason of his ancestor, the 1st Phillip Nolan. "Deeply moved," Nolan the third wasted no time in joining up. Arnold Daly played all three Nolans.

Small children were brought forward to accuse the peace-loving man. In "The Volunteer" a pacifist Quaker refused to let his son join the army but nine-year-old Madge Evans won him over. A little girl shall lead them and in the last scene Madge mounts a platform at a recruiting rally and "pleads for volunteers."

Mothers were told to let their boys go or suffer the consequences. In "Her Boy," Dave Morrison is his mother's idol. When the war comes he insists on volunteering but his mother's pleas at last prevail. The Draft follows and once again Dave sees his chance. The terror-stricken mother seizes on one last hope. She tells the Draft Board that David is an illegitimate son and therefore not yet 21. Horror-stricken Dave enlists under another name but at last the mother sees the light and confesses her subterfuge. In the last scene "she gives the boy to the country he loves so well."

Fathers who thought their sons were afraid to die for J. P. Morgan were proved wrong in films like "Miss USA": A Southern major thought his son was a mollycoddle.

The son corrected the father's misunderstanding by capturing a "pacifist spy."

1917 Is Pattern For Propaganda Unloosed Today

LUCKY PARTNERS

An RKO Pictures production directed by Lewis Milestone. Starring Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman. At the Radio City Music Hall.

"Lucky Partners" is the most delicious comedy to hit the screen this year. Put it down on your preferred list of films to see. You'll have a swell time. Lewis Milestone has directed the piece with pace and precision and Ginger Rogers is a constant source of delight in a series of exquisitely pointed and genuinely humorous situations. Ronald Colman is more human than he has been on the screen in years. The entire cast is about perfect and although the material is not new by any means, Milestone has taken Sacha Guitry's sappy story, turned it here, twisted it there, pulled it apart and deodorized it here and there, until the whole thing seems to sparkle and move.

It all started with Ginger's hunch that sharing a sweepstakes ticket with Ronald might bring them both luck. The only thing she had to go on was that Ronald once, for no reason, wished her "good luck" and a few minutes later someone presented her with a costly gown. Ronald who was really a celebrated artist posing as a struggling caricaturist because civilization once played him a dirty trick, takes to Ginger because he likes her naive way of saying swoonakes ticket when she means sweepstakes ticket.

He agrees to the partnership on condition that with the winnings on this million to one shot gamble, Ginger should accompany Ronald on a "purely platonic" trip to Niagara Falls before she married her boy friend Freddie, an "insurance engineer" and settled down in Poughkeepsie.

Ginger who has been slowly working herself up into a cyclone rage, very sweetly asks Ronald to please repeat what he said to boy friend Freddie an "All-American boy" and is still further enraged when Freddie agrees to the idea. From here on it's one long round of laughter. The horse comes through, the bartender who made a foolish bet is forced to carry his helpless mate around the back piggy-back forty times. Ginger takes the trip fearful of the outcome. Freddie develops an acute case of apoplexy. Ronald falls gingerly in love, Ginger reciprocates ever so gently. Ronald leaves Ginger at the Falls and before it is over they all wind up in one of the most uproarious court-room scenes ever screened.

If it's high comedy you want, "Lucky Partner" is your dish.—D. P.

Philadelphia's Cinema Art Theatre to Show Notable Soviet Films

The Cinema Art Theatre at 6th and Poplar Sts. in Phila. announces its reopening as the exclusive exhibitors of Soviet films.

The theatre begins its first "Film Festival" with the showing of "The Golden Key" beginning today and continuing through Tuesday. "Conquests of Peter the Great" will be shown Sept. 13th to 17th.

Stage Stars, Camp Talks at Gala New Masses Weekend

A program of unique distinction is being arranged for the "New Masses" weekend at Chesters Zunberg, Woodbourne, N. Y., from tonight to Sunday evening inclusive. Friends of the magazine are urged to communicate with "New Masses" at once if they are planning to make reservations for the weekend.

The program includes such features as Sofia Salzano, singing star and operatic find of the season; O'Brien and Stark, the young sensational dance team from TAC and Radio City; Roslyn Harvey, who writes and delivers her own satiric monologues and who is rapidly becoming known as the "one-man show" and several top-notch performers from TAC. In addition, the resort staff is planning a complete program of its own for this weekend.

There will also be two after breakfast features. Joseph North, editor of "New Masses" will speak informally on Cuba and Mexico, the two storm centers of the Western Hemisphere Saturday morning. James Dugan will give a lecture on swing with illustration from modern and classic swing records Sunday after breakfast. Harry Cumpson, well-known recording and concert pianist, will give an all-Bach recital Sunday at 5.

In addition, there will be the usual dancing, tennis, swimming, boating, cycling, handball, etc.

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